Achievement of Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources in remote villages

†834. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the success to extend the means of non-covnentional energy sources to remote villages has not been achieved despite setting up of a separate Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details of the State-wise achievements made; and

(d) the details of the role of this Ministry in the field of rural electrification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (d) The role of the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources in the field of rural electrification is to take up electrification of remote energy sources such as solar, biomass, mini hydel, etc. Under the Remote Village Electrification Programme being implemented by the Ministry, about 1700 remote villages in 10 States have already been electrified and projects are under implementation in about 1400 villages in 17 States. The State-wise break-up of the villages electrified and under implementation is given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise Break-up of Remote Villages Electrified and under Implementation as on 30-06-2004

Sl. No.	State/UT	Nos. of Remote Villages Electrified	
		Projects Completed	Under Implementation
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	30	139
2.	Assam	36	3
3.	Chhattisgarh	299	21
4.	Gujarat	2	
5.	Himachal Pradesh		1

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6. Jammu & Kashmir	90	50
7. Jharkhand	-	137
8. Madhya Pradesh	-	49
9. Maharashtra	-	16
10. Manipur	89	48
11. Meghalaya	-	25
12. Mizoram	-	20
13. Orissa	18	-
14. Rajasthan	-	24
15. Sikkim		13
16. Tripura	15	33
17. Uttar Pradesh	-	250
18. Uttaranchal	219	285
19. West Bengal	897	271
TOTAL:	1695	1385

Providing free solar lantern in the villages

†835. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide free solar lantern for power supply in the villages; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Sir, the Government is considering a proposal for providing solar lanterns to the people at subsidized cost for lighting applications, the details of which are to be worked out.

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